


# April 2023

## CUNNINGHAM FALLS & GAMBRILL STATE PARKS

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<div>1</div> <div>Solar viewing 2-5pm Night Sky 9-11pm</div>
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<div>16</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Earth Day Volunteer Event 9am-12pm</div> <div></div>	<div>22</div> <div>Beginner Archery 4-6pm</div> <div></div>
<div>23</div> <div>Wildflower Walk 10am</div> <div></div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Fourth Friday Forest Walk 10am</div> <div></div>	<div>29</div> <div>Pollinator Gardens 10 am</div>
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Follow Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill on Facebook. Every effort is made to make programs ADA accessible, call 301-271-7574 for accommodation. Events are free with park entrance unless otherwise noted. Memorial Day - Labor Day, park entrance fees: \$3/MD resident and \$5/out of state resident. Weekend rates are \$5/MD resident and \$7/out of state resident. Events in the Manor Area are by honor box fees of \$3/MD vehicle, \$5/out of state vehicle. Unless otherwise noted, events are held rain or shine. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather, wear sunscreen, insect repellent, bring water/snacks, and check for ticks. Email [cfsnaturalist.dnr@maryland.gov](mailto:cfsnaturalist.dnr@maryland.gov) for questions.

**Cash/check only for programs requiring payment.**

**Saturday, & Sundays: William Houck Nature Center - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**14274 William Houck Drive, Thurmont, MD 21788.** Open to the public, hours subject to change due to staffing.

**Saturday, & Sundays: Museum of the Ironworker, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** 12610 Catoctin Furnace Rd. Thurmont, MD 21788. Learn about the workers who built the historic village and powered the Catoctin Furnace. No charge.

**April 1 - Solar Viewing at the Lake, 2-5pm at South Beach Parking Lot**  
**14274 William Houck Drive, Thurmont MD 21788.** Check out the active sunspots on our favorite star with members of the Westminster Astronomical Society. Shine only. Event free with park entrance fees of \$3/MD vehicle, \$5/Non resident vehicle.

**April 1 - Night Sky, 9-11p.m. at Dam Overlook Parking Lot, 14372 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont MD 21788.** Join the Westminster Astronomy Society to view the night sky with experienced astronomers. No cost. Weather dependent.

**April 5 - Tea Room Open House, 4-7p.m. at Gambrill State Park. 8346 High Knob Road, Frederick, MD 21702.** View this Civilian Conservation Corps structure built in the 1930s. It accommodates 55 people and remains a popular venue for events including baby showers, business meetings, family reunions, and weddings. Whether you have an event planned or just wondered what the space looks like, all are welcome. No RSVP necessary.

**April 15 & 22: Beginner Archery. 4-6 p.m. at Manor Area Archery Range. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Road, Thurmont MD 21788.** No experience necessary. Age 8 & up. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment provided. \$5 per person, cash and check only. Closed

toe shoes required. Participants must RSVP to 301-514-5866 by 1pm day of the program. Shine only event.

**April 21 - Earth Day Volunteer Event from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. RSVP required to [claudia.padilla@maryland.gov](mailto:claudia.padilla@maryland.gov) to get location.** Join staff and volunteers to beautify Cunningham Falls & Gambrill State Parks by either picking up trash or putting native plants in the ground. Dress for the weather, wear long pants, sleeves, leather work gloves, and work boots. Event is weather dependent. Bring any snack/drink you may need.

**April 23 - Wildflower Walk, 10 a.m. Meet at the Manor Area Playground. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Rd Thurmont MD 21788.** An easy walk through the woods to explore and discover local spring wildflowers with a volunteer naturalist. Shine only.

**April 28 - Fourth Friday Forest Walk, 10 a.m. Meet at Gambrill State Park Trailhead Parking Lot.** Join the Frederick Forestry Board for a guided tree-walk along the red trail. During this guided walk through the forest, a Forestry Board member will explain forest ecosystems, succession, and tree identification. Trail can be steep and rough. Register on the Frederick Forestry Board website to receive detailed location instructions.

**April 29 - Pollinator Gardens, 10 a.m., Meet at the Manor Area Visitor Center. 6709 Cunningham Falls Park Rd 21788.** Have you ever considered starting a pollinator garden, but don't know where to start? Come learn why pollinator gardens of any size can be transformative, how to navigate the confusing world of plant retail nurseries, and how to start a garden of your own. A resource information guide will be provided.